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Paramount  
P- St. John, David  
P- Davis, Martin S.

Orig.  
under  
Paramount

*TO: Mr. Thuermer*

19 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Paramount TV Series of David St. John Books

A complicated memo has arrived on my desk

This is the situation: Martin Davis of Paramount Films thinks you are interested in a TV series on CIA.

The memo is scattered with such names as Jack Valenti, Martin S. Davis, author David St. John, and Mr. Charles Bluhdorn. Mention is made of the "Godfather" movie showing recently.

If my understanding that we are not interested in a television series is correct--the line I have been following--I can get in touch with Mr. Davis myself. But I don't want to cross up any of your lines.

It's all pretty involved; and the pretty involved memo is attached.

Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Assistant to the Director

Attachment

*will handle.*

*No promises by DCI; no desire by DCI for Series.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADDP

SUBJECT: CIA " Commitment " for TV Series to  
Paramount Pictures

The attached [ ] shows

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that Mr. Martin Davis, Senior Vice President, Gulf and Western Industries, Inc., continues to request clarification of the Agency's desires in regard to a TV series on CIA. He is particularly anxious to obtain confirmation of the Agency's prior " commitment " that Paramount Pictures would be given the first opportunity for such a series if CIA opts for having one done. In short: Mr. Davis does not feel exercising his own good judgement is sufficient under the circumstances. [ ] requires, therefore, additional guidance as to how to reply to Mr. Davis. Such guidance is herewith requested.

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